MINUTES FOR NAPRA GENERAL MEETING FEB 9th

I. Called to order by Ken, N7IPB, President at 1:10 PM. Introductions of all in attendance were made. There were 18 people present.

II. Minutes of the Jan 12th general meeting were read and approved as corrected.

III. Treasurer reported a balance of $1626.03

IV. Tech VP Report

A. SEA and the backbone are both working fine.

B. SEAW is having troubles hearing. A new receiver will be installed soon.

C. With the exit Steve, N7HFZ, as BBS on SEA, this node has been pressed into service to provide the link from SEA to N7ENT, the current BBS for SEAW, ALKI, and SEA. The area could use a new BBS on SEA.

D. The path from OLY to LSO is much better.

E. The next Sysop meeting will be held on Feb 24th at 10 AM at the Radio Club of Tacoma Club House. Users as well as Node and BBS Sysops are welcome, however this will not be the place for beginner questions. The discussion will center on improving the Network operation.

V. Other Business

A. PTN in Pt. Townsend is back up and running. SPR in Vancouver, BC is back on 220.95 MHz and the link from PTN is back working providing the path to VE land.

B. The 440 repeater is still waiting for the new correct crystal.

C. BOD met this morning at 10 AM. The following are highlights:

1. $100 will be donated to the Radio Club of Tacoma.
2. $100 will be donated to the BEARS
3. We are looking into a table and meeting at the Mike and Key Electronic Flea Market March 9th.
4. Application for Not-for-Profit status with the state will be applied for soon.
5. We are still looking for members for the Node Up-grade Committee. anyone interested please contact Scott, N7FSP, after the meeting.

D. Ken, N7IPB, attended the 5.03 Users meeting on Sat Jan 20th in Pt. Townsend. Ken reported that there were about 15-16 in attendance including N7IIJ. They asked about a TCP/IP start-up training session. Ken may help them in the future. The PTN Node is now running TheNET 2.06 and all is functioning well.

E. Seaside HamFair is coming up June 1 and 2.

F. NAPRA Logo - Steve, N8GNJ, Rejuvenated the discussion on a NAPRA Logo. A motion was made, seconded and passed to request all entries for consideration as the NAPRA Logo be submitted by and a final vote taken at the April general

meeting. A prise of $25 will be given to the person submitting the winning entry. John, KA7TTY, will send out a bulletin to the network announcing the contest.

G. There was a discussion about a NAPRA banner for use at Hamfairs etc. Bill, W7OIV, said that he had participated in an effort to obtain a banner for another group recently and he estimated that a 3' x 4' banner would cost about $150 depending on how complex the design was. Any action on this was postponed until after a logo was chosen. Bill indicated that he may be willing to help on a committee when the time comes.

H. We need suggestions for future general meeting programs. Three suggestions were made: Don Stoner; Jack, WA4FIB, for a discussion on 56k modems; and Don, KY7X, for a discussion on the DX Nodes.

J. Short Break

VI. Discussion session followed.

A. Digital Network Conference - Do we, NAPRA, want to consider sponsoring the ARRL conference in the Fall of 1992? We would need to locate a facility for about 200 people, see if we could arrange special rates at a local hotel, and locate a facility for a banquet Saturday night. Steve, N8GNJ, wanted permission to use NAPRAs name when making some initial contacts with ARRL. The group aggreed, and Steve will make the initial contacts and report back.

B. Alternate TNC Codes

1. DOS Gate

2. W8DED -uses a totally different command set than TAPR. No commands are more than 2 keystrokes. You either love it or hate it. It requires replacing the EPROM in your TNC (not available for PK-232 or the KAM units). Dennis, KB7DZ, has the code and can burn the EPROMs. Contact him if you are interested.

3. LAN-LINK - is really a terminal program. John, KA7TTY, reported that it has many special features which allow you to set up files and automatically connect to your BBS, download and upload, and sign off. It can even be set to do this at a set time in the future. The author, Joe, G3ZCZ, currently in Virginia, set it up to function as a simple LAN server, and also included an Attack Mode for connecting to SAREX. This last mode can really generate QRM since it watches for the SAREX callsign then issues many connects once it is heard. There is a key to shut these off. If you see this happening, you can connect to the station and send QRT and it will stop.

C. Mailbox Censure - As all are probably aware, a station back on the East coast sent a bulletin asking people to call a 900 phone number to donate money to his cause. FCC became aware of it and issued show cause notices to the originating station and to all the forwarding stations shown in the header of the copy they received. The implication is that these intermediate BBSs, running fully automatic were responsible for the data in their transmissions. This seems to be a redefinition of part 97.109 by an interpretation of part 97.113. We will be anxious to see the outcome of this one. It could cause major changes to our current BBS bulliten forwarding system.

D. "Bobs" BBS (running KA9Q program) - Bob, KD7NM, has been running this program on his BBS for several weeks. It is different, but offers some interesting

new features. Incoming traffic and bulletins are screened into special message areas. Each user has a personnel message area, and there are message areas set up by the sysop. When you log in and issue a L command, it searches your personnal message area only. Sending an A command gets you a list of the available message areas, for example: ARRL, AMSAT, SALE, WANTED. Sending an "A ARRL" will switch you to the ARRL message area. Then an L will list messages there. You can connect to KD7NM from the 220IP node or SEAW. Bob encourages users to connect and see what they think of it.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

John, KA7TTY
Secretary